

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 15 and 19 being independent. Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 15 and 19 have been amended to recite "a sealing substrate positioned over the film containing fluoroelastics." Claims 23-28 have been added. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, in Fig. 4B of the application. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants are submitting an information disclosure statement along with this amendment.

Independent claim 1, along with its dependent claims 2 and 3, has been rejected as being anticipated by Haskal (U.S. Patent 5,952,778). Claim 1 has been amended to obviate this rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, recites a light-emitting apparatus including "a sealing substrate positioned over the film containing fluoroelastics." Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1, and its dependent claims, because Haskal does not describe or suggest the recited sealing substrate positioned over the film containing fluoroelastics.

Haskal describes an encapsulated organic light emitting device that includes a three layer protective covering 10 that shields the device from ambient contaminants. The three layer protective covering 10 includes a third layer 16, which the Examiner equates to the recited film containing fluoroelastics. Haskal, however, is entirely silent as to the use of a sealing substrate, much less a sealing substrate positioned over the protective covering 10.

For at least this reason, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims 2 and 3.

Independent claims 4, 8, 12, 15, and 19, along with their dependent claims 5-7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16-18, 20 and 22, have been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0055841), and claims 10 and 21, which depend from claims 8 and 19, respectively, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki. Claims 4, 8, 12, 15 and 19 have been amended to obviate these rejections.

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Claims 4, 8, 12, 15 and 19, as amended, each recite a light-emitting apparatus including "a sealing substrate positioned over the film containing flouroplastics." Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1, and its dependent claims, because Yamazaki does not describe or suggest the recited sealing substrate positioned over the film containing flouroplastics.

Yamazaki describes a light emitting device that includes a cover material 1001, which the examiner equates to the recited flouroplastic film. Yamazaki, however, does not describe or suggest that a sealing substrate is positioned over the cover material 1001.

For at least this reason, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4-22.


Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a \$480 check for excess claim fees (\$300) and the information disclosure statement fee (\$180). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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